

EXHIBIT A

MONTHLY FEES

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June 13, 2025

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Todd Arden - Director
John Hartmann - Director
Chris P. Meyer - Director
Franchise Group, Inc.

RE : Supplemental Investigation

BILL #: 01700

Expenses Incurred Since Last Bill : \$27,210.00

Balance This Bill : \$27,210.00

TOTAL OUTSTANDING BALANCE DUE :	\$27,210.00
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4/1/2025	JK	Reviewing select materials in preparation for potential client testimony.	1.10	\$1,340.00	\$1,474.00
4/1/2025	CH	Edit interim fee application entries per fee examiner.	0.80	\$785.00	\$628.00
4/1/2025	JK	Revising fee application to incorporate comments of fee examiner (1.8) and email communications with C. Hume re same (.1).	1.90	\$1,340.00	\$2,546.00
4/2/2025	CH	Prepare edits to interim fee report comments from fee examiner.	0.70	\$785.00	\$549.50
4/3/2025	ES	Confer with J. Klein re response to deposition notice	0.20	\$1,075.00	\$215.00
4/3/2025	JK	Call with K. McElroy regarding process matters related to interim fee application and fee examiner.	0.70	\$1,340.00	\$938.00
4/3/2025	JK	Call with B. Arnault (Kirkland) regarding 30b-6 topics and process matters.	0.60	\$1,340.00	\$804.00
4/3/2025	KP	Participated in call with debtors' counsel re: client testimony. Conferred with Mr. Klein re same.	0.60	\$1,300.00	\$780.00
4/3/2025	ES	Confer with S. Dickinson re improper service.	0.20	\$1,075.00	\$215.00
4/4/2025	KP	Participated in calls with client (Mr. Meyer) re: potential deposition regarding procedural matters.	0.40	\$1,300.00	\$520.00
4/4/2025	KP	Participated in call with debtors' counsel.	0.20	\$1,300.00	\$260.00
4/4/2025	KP	Exchanged emails and conferred with Mr. Klein re deposition preparation.	0.60	\$1,300.00	\$780.00
4/4/2025	SH	Research and draft substantive objection list with legal cites in response to J. Klein deposition notice	2.60	\$875.00	\$2,275.00
4/4/2025	JK	Call with C. Meyer about 30b-6 topics and anticipated testimony.	0.50	\$1,340.00	\$670.00
4/4/2025	JK	Call with B. Arnault (Kirkland) re process matters.	0.40	\$1,340.00	\$536.00
4/4/2025	ES	Review case law re deposition notice; review procedural rules re same.	0.40	\$1,075.00	\$430.00
4/6/2025	ES	Confer with J. Klein re objections to deposition notice; draft same.	0.50	\$1,075.00	\$537.50

4/7/2025	ES	Review revisions to objections; confer with S. Dickinson re same.	0.30	\$1,075.00	\$322.50
4/7/2025	GP	Confer with JK re potential CM deposition.	0.20	\$1,385.00	\$277.00
4/7/2025	SH	Draft and format objection letter to opposing counsel in response to J. Klein deposition notice	1.80	\$875.00	\$1,575.00
4/7/2025	KP	Reviewed emails re deposition preparation.	0.20	\$1,300.00	\$260.00
4/8/2025	KP	Reviewed and revised objections to Mr. Klein's deposition notice.	0.40	\$1,300.00	\$520.00
4/8/2025	ES	Finalize and send objections to J. Klein deposition notice.	0.50	\$1,075.00	\$537.50
4/9/2025	CH	Draft fee application for CH11 Bankruptcy.	1.90	\$785.00	\$1,491.50
4/10/2025	CH	Draft fee application for CH11 Bankruptcy.	0.20	\$785.00	\$157.00
4/10/2025	JK	Call with Kirkland regarding case developments.	0.20	\$1,340.00	\$268.00
4/10/2025	JK	Call with C. Meyer re case developments.	0.30	\$1,340.00	\$402.00
4/11/2025	JK	Attending settlement meeting of special committee.	0.50	\$1,340.00	\$670.00
4/14/2025	CH	Draft fee application for bankruptcy proceedings.	0.20	\$785.00	\$157.00
4/15/2025	CH	Fee application for Ch. 11 Bankruptcy.	2.10	\$785.00	\$1,648.50
4/16/2025	CH	Draft fee application for Ch. 11 Bankruptcy.	0.40	\$785.00	\$314.00
4/17/2025	CH	Draft fee application for CH11 Bankruptcy.	0.40	\$785.00	\$314.00
4/23/2025	JK	Email communications with Ankura counsel re financial analysis.	0.80	\$1,340.00	\$1,072.00
4/27/2025	JK	Working on March fee application.	1.60	\$1,340.00	\$2,144.00
4/29/2025	KP	Exchange emails with K&E re call.	0.10	\$1,300.00	\$130.00
4/30/2025	KP	Participated in call with K&E re factual declaration.	0.30	\$1,300.00	\$390.00
4/30/2025	JK	Call with W. Arnault (Kirkland) regarding confirmation hearing.	0.30	\$1,340.00	\$402.00

Fees Subtotal

25.10	\$27,210.00
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Staff Summary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cara Hume	Associate	6.70	\$785.00	\$5,259.50
Emma Spiro	Partner	2.10	\$1,075.00	\$2,257.50
Guy Petrillo	Sr. Partner	0.20	\$1,385.00	\$277.00
Joshua Klein	Sr. Partner	8.90	\$1,340.00	\$11,926.00
Kevin Puvalowski	Partner	2.80	\$1,300.00	\$3,640.00
Hinckson	Associate	4.40	\$875.00	\$3,850.00

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Total Balance	\$83,614.00
Adjustment	-\$530.50¹
Total Adjusted Balance	\$83,083.50

TOTAL OUTSTANDING BALANCE DUE :	\$83,083.50.00
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1. Due to apparent rounding errors, the aggregate fees invoiced during the course of the engagement exceeded, by a total of \$530.50, the computation of fees based on the personnel hours billed to the engagement multiplied by the hourly rates of the respective personnel who worked on the engagement. Consequently, this invoice has been adjusted downwardly to account for this discrepancy.

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5/1/2025	CH	Comms with JK and Controller re: fee application.	0.30	\$785.00	\$235.50
5/1/2025	CS	Call with J. Klein and C. Hume re: Kirkland inquiry re: data collection.	0.20	\$1,075.00	\$215.00
5/2/2025	JK	Working on March fee application.	0.90	\$1,340.00	\$1,206.00
5/5/2025	CS	Confer with J. Klein re: Kirkland request.	0.10	\$1,075.00	\$107.50
5/5/2025	CS	Compile and transmit data responsive to Kirkland request.	0.80	\$1,075.00	\$860.00
5/5/2025	CH	Draft list of productions received with CS for transmittal to Shayne Henry at K&E.	0.40	\$785.00	\$314.00
5/5/2025	JK	Calls with CS and Shayne Henry at Kirkland regarding search terms and document collection.	0.40	\$1,340.00	\$536.00
5/6/2025	KP	Participated in call with debtors' counsel. Exchanged emails re same. Conferred with Mr. Klein re same.	0.30	\$1,300.00	\$390.00
5/6/2025	JK	Call with W. Arnault and M. McKane at Kirkland regarding SEC request (.4) and conferring with KP re same (.2).	0.60	\$1,340.00	\$804.00
5/7/2025	CH	Research per J. Klein.	1.70	\$785.00	\$1,334.50
5/7/2025	JK	Drafting C. Meyer declaration.	1.80	\$1,340.00	\$2,412.00
5/8/2025	CH	Call with JK re: research and revising notes re: same.	1.00	\$785.00	\$785.00
5/8/2025	JK	Drafting Meyer aff. Email comms with C. Meyer.	2.40	\$1,340.00	\$3,216.00
5/9/2025	JK	Drafting Meyer affidavit.	3.80	\$1,340.00	\$5,092.00
5/9/2025	CH	Finalizing first production with vendor.	1.60	\$785.00	\$1,256.00
5/10/2025	CH	Work on fee application.	0.60	\$785.00	\$471.00
5/10/2025	JK	Drafting Meyer affidavit.	3.10	\$1,340.00	\$4,154.00
5/10/2025	JK	Reviewing UCC settlement motion, exhibits and related Ch 11 filings.	2.30	\$1,340.00	\$3,082.00
5/11/2025	JK	Call with W. Arnault (Kirkland) regarding confirmation hearing.	0.40	\$1,340.00	\$536.00
5/11/2025	JK	Revising CM declaration.	2.20	\$1,340.00	\$2,948.00

5/11/2025	JK	Reviewing select docket entries including Kahn objection to plan.	1.40	\$1,340.00	\$1,876.00
5/12/2025	JK	Further revising CM declaration (1.7), email with CM (.1), call with KP .1	1.90	\$1,340.00	\$2,546.00
5/12/2025	CS	Review/revise draft C. Meyer declaration.	1.90	\$1,075.00	\$2,042.50
5/12/2025	JK	Reviewing and revising February/March 2025 fee application.	0.70	\$1,340.00	\$938.00
5/12/2025	KP	Reviewed and revised draft Chris Meyer Declaration. Conferred with Mr. Klein re same.	3.00	\$1,300.00	\$3,900.00
5/12/2025	CH	Review protective.	0.40	\$785.00	\$314.00
5/13/2025	KP	Participated in call with Chris Meyers re confirmation hearing. Exchanged emails re same.	0.50	\$1,300.00	\$650.00
5/13/2025	KP	Participated in call wit debtors' counsel re confirmation hearing. Conferred with Mr. Klein re same.	0.50	\$1,300.00	\$650.00
5/13/2025	JK	Review revised C. Meyer declaration.	0.40	\$1,340.00	\$536.00
5/13/2025	CH	Draft fee application.	0.40	\$785.00	\$314.00
5/13/2025	JK	Call with Kirkland (Arnault) re declaration hearing.	0.20	\$1,340.00	\$268.00
5/13/2025	JK	Call with C. Meyer regarding confirmation hearing.	0.10	\$1,340.00	\$134.00
5/13/2025	JK	Email comms. with C. Meyer regarding declaration and upcoming hearing.	0.10	\$1,340.00	\$134.00
5/14/2025	JK	Preparation for confirmation hearing.	0.40	\$1,340.00	\$536.00
5/14/2025	CH	Internal call re: potential disclosure of report (J. Klein, K. Puvalowski, C. Stephens) (0.4) and review case law re: same (0.8).	1.20	\$785.00	\$942.00
5/14/2025	CS	Internal call re: potential disclosure of report (J. Klein, K. Puvalowski, C. Hume).	0.40	\$1,075.00	\$430.00
5/14/2025	JK	Call with PKB team regarding distribution of investigative report.	0.40	\$1,340.00	\$536.00
5/14/2025	KP	Participated in team call re SEC request.	0.40	\$1,300.00	\$520.00
5/15/2025	CH	Work on fee application and send to Y&C for review.	0.40	\$785.00	\$314.00
5/16/2025	JK	Prep call with Kirkland (Arnault) and Meyer for upcoming confirmation hearing.	1.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
5/16/2025	KP	Participated in (portion of) Chris Meyer prep for hearing.	0.30	\$1,300.00	\$390.00
5/17/2025	JK	Reviewing direct outline and affidavit.	0.40	\$1,340.00	\$536.00
5/18/2025	JK	Call with Kirkland (W. Arnault and D. Hunter) and C. Meyer related to confirmation hearing.	1.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
5/18/2025	KP	Participated in Chris Meyer prep call. Conferred with Mr. Klein re same.	1.10	\$1,300.00	\$1,430.00
5/19/2025	KP	Prepared for Delaware hearing. Exchanged emails re same.	1.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
5/19/2025	JK	Travel to DE for confirmation hearing (not including time billed to other matters).	1.60	\$1,340.00	\$2,144.00
5/19/2025	JK	Reviewing testimony outline, declaration and report in connection with upcoming confirmation hearing.	1.80	\$1,340.00	\$2,412.00

5/19/2025 JK	Reviewing UCC motion, settlement term sheets, and Debtors' brief in support of confirmation in preparation for confirmation hearing.	3.60	\$1,340.00	\$4,824.00
5/19/2025 JK	Call with W. Arnault (Kirkland).	0.20	\$1,340.00	\$268.00
5/19/2025 JK	Meet with C. Meyer to prep for hearing.	1.20	\$1,340.00	\$1,608.00
5/20/2025 JK	Meeting with Kirkland team at Young & Conway offices.	1.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
5/20/2025 JK	Attending confirmation hearing.	3.50	\$1,340.00	\$4,690.00
5/20/2025 JK	Travel from Wilmington to NY (not including time billed on other matters).	1.20	\$1,340.00	\$1,608.00
5/20/2025 KP	Attended confirmation hearing.	3.50	\$1,300.00	\$4,550.00
5/20/2025 KP	Met in preparation for confirmation hearing.	1.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
5/20/2025 KP	Travel to Delaware for confirmation hearing.	3.00	\$1,300.00	\$3,900.00
5/22/2025 CH	Finalize Feb/March fee application.	1.40	\$785.00	\$1,099.00
Fees Subtotal		67.40		\$83,614.00

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Cara Hume	Associate	9.40	\$785.00	\$7,379.00
Caelyn Stephens	Partner	3.40	\$1,075.00	\$3,655.00
Joshua Klein	Sr. Partner	40.00	\$1,340.00	\$53,600.00
Kevin Puvalowski	Partner	14.60	\$1,300.00	\$18,980.00

Total Balance **\$83,614.00**

Adjustment **-\$530.50**

Total Adjusted Balance **\$83,083.50**

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EXHIBIT B**BUDGET AND STAFFING PLAN**

BUDGET	
Estimated Fees	Fees Sought
\$2,180,000.00	\$2,106,582.50
Estimated Expenses	Expenses Sought
\$1,222,217.00	\$1,204,780.50

STAFFING PLAN		
Category of Timekeeper	Number of Timekeepers Expected to Work on the Matter During the Budgeted Period	Hourly Rate
Partner	4	\$1,075.00 – \$1,385.00
Counsel	0	\$0.00
Associate (7 or more years since first admission)	1	\$865.00
Associate (4-6 years since first admission)	1	\$785.00
Associate (less than 4 years since first admission)	0	\$0.00
Staff Attorney	1	\$435.00
Paralegal	2	\$335.00

EXHIBIT C

Category of Timekeeper	Blended Hourly Rate	
	Billed by timekeepers in all Domestic Offices, excluding bankruptcy¹	Billed in the Final Application
Partner	\$1,265.00	\$1,235.00
Counsel	\$935.00	\$0.00
Associate	\$813.50	\$793.75
Staff Attorney	\$435.00	\$435.00
Paralegal	\$335.00	\$335.00
All timekeepers aggregated:	\$804.40	\$870.40

¹ In accordance with the UST Guidelines, the preceding year is a 12 month year ending May 31, 2024; blended rates reflect work performed in all of the domestic offices, excluding all data from bankruptcy law matters.